

**LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF WINDHAM, NH
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

The Board of Selectmen will hold a public hearing on the proposed Town Budget and Warrant for 2021 on Monday, **January 11, 2021 at 7:00 pm** at the Community Development Department, in accordance with RSA 32. A second hearing, if necessary, will be held on Tuesday, January 19, 2021 at 7:00 pm, at the Community Development Department. The proposed budget figures are as follows:

General Government	\$ 2,765,710.00
Public Safety	\$ 8,864,220.00
Highways, Streets and Bridges	\$ 1,201,060.00
Sanitation	\$ 1,283,420.00
Health and Human Services	\$ 51,485.00
Welfare	\$ 45,540.00
Culture and Recreation	\$ 1,709,110.00
Debt Service	\$ 471,377.82
Capital Outlay - Roads	<u>\$ 360,000.00</u>
Total Proposed Budget	<u>\$16,751,922.82</u>

Note that the Default Budget for 2021 would be \$16,403,282.82

The Selectmen will also address all Petition and Special Warrant Articles including those appearing below:

(1)	\$ 750,000	For the purpose of purchasing a new fire engine to replace Engine 1, a 2006 truck. The funding for this project would be funded with an 8 year bond with estimated annual payments of \$104,700 based on current interest trends. This article is part of the recommended Capital Improvement Plan.
(2)	\$ 365,000	For the purpose of purchasing two (2) new highway plow trucks. The funding for these purchases would be funded with an two (2) year bond in the amount of \$240,520 with estimated annual payments of \$124,480 based on current interest trends, with the balance of \$124,480 to come from the 2021 budget. This article is part of the recommended Capital Improvement Plan.
(3)	\$ 75,000	To add to our Property Maintenance Trust.
(4)	\$ 32,500	For Searles School Marketing and Maintenance. Funding to come from Searles Revenue Fund. Article has no additional impact on Tax Rate.
(5)	\$ 93,770	For the purpose of paying the third and final payment of a three year lease taken out in 2019 for a new Ambulance. This appropriation is part of the recommended Capital Improvements Plan.
(6)	\$ 110,000	For the purpose of re-shingling the Fire Station Roof as well as replacing its rubber membranes. This appropriation is part of the recommended Capital Improvement Plan.
(7)	\$ 50,000	For the purpose of making improvements associated with part of Phase One of the Town Common Beautification Project. This appropriation is part of the recommended Capital Improvement Plan.
(8)	\$ 30,000	To be placed into a Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of making future improvements to approximately 12000' of the Greenway Recreational Trail as a pedestrian / bike path. This appropriation is part of the recommended Capital Improvement Plan.

(9)	\$ 95,000	For the purpose of purchasing Power Lift Systems for two of the Fire Department ambulances which allows stretchers to be lifted more easily, 95% of the funding for this project will come from a Aid to Firefighters Grant (AFG) with 5% coming from general taxation in 2021. Note that the article would be declared "null and void" should the town not receive the AFG grant.
(10)	\$ 5,100	For the purpose of purchasing approximately 1 acre of land along Enterprise Drive from the State of New Hampshire, known as the location of the Historic Indian Rock.
(11)	\$ -	To see if the town will vote pursuant to RSA 162-K:5 to establish a TIF District along Route 111 from its intersection with the Route 111 A and running through its intersection with Ledge Road as well as to adopt a District Development Plan and tax Increment Financing Plan for said District.
(12)	\$ -	To adopt new universal Use Regulations for all Town Conservation Land, and to further, upon its passage, rescind the current specific regulations on the following conservation properties: Moeckel Pond (2015 adoption), Campbell Farm (2016 adoption), Fosters Pond (1988 adoption), Route 28 Town Forest (1988 adoption), Deer Leap (1989 adoption)
(13)	\$ -	For the purpose of selling the town owned parcel off Libbey Road known as 8-B-4401 to two property owners who abut Libbey Road and upon its sale to further discontinue Libbey Road in its entirety.
(14)	\$ -	To see if the town will vote to modify the purpose of the Cemetery General Care Trust Fund to include the allowance to use the fund for the "purchase, construction, or design of future interment/inurnment space" Currently the fund is restricted to the "future purchase of cemetery land".
(15)	\$ -	For the purpose of obtaining an advisory vote of the Town Meeting as to the Board submitting a CyPres Petition to the Courts to amend the deed restrictions on the Hayes Hart Road Right of Way (ROW to Canobie Lake Boat Ramp) to allow limited use of the area by Salem residents who own property on the shores of Canobie Lake. The use would be restricted to short periods in the Spring and Fall. Currently the deed restrictions limit the use of the Right of Way to Windham residents only.
\$ 1,606,370 Subtotal Special Articles		

	2021	2020	\$ Inc/(Dec)	% Inc/(Dec)
Operating Budget	\$ 16,751,922.82	\$ 16,184,294.45		
Special Articles	\$ 1,606,370.00	\$ 846,270.00		
Gross Appropriation	\$ 18,358,292.82	\$ 17,030,564.45	\$ 1,327,728.37	7.796%
Less: Revenues	\$ (1,113,270.00)	\$ (510,000.00)		
Total Budget (Net)	\$ 17,245,022.82	\$ 16,520,564.45	\$ 724,458.37	4.385%

As exhibited above, if all special articles are approved (total \$1,606,370), the gross appropriation will increase by \$1,327,728.37 or 7.796% over 2020. The total gross budget for 2021 would then be \$18,358,292.82 before use of other revenue sources.

The 2021 net budget, on which the tax rate is set, would be \$17,245,022.82 which represents a total budget increase of \$724,458.37, or 4.385% after taking into account the use of \$32,500 from the Searles Trust for marketing and maintenance costs, \$750,000 from Bond Proceeds for the Fire Truck, \$240,520 from Bond Proceeds for two Highway Trucks, and \$90,250 in AFG Grants for Ambulance Equipment. Total of \$1,113,270.

Posted December 24, 2020

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